

Mansfield Community Playground Project
Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/8/12, 7:00pm

Present: Jessica Higham, Ellen Tulman, Julia DeLapp, Marc Kronisch, Kathleen Krider, Megan Huff, Paul Johnson, Jeanne Johnson, Cristina Colon-Semenza, Kevin Grunwald, Roger Engle, Kristin Schwab, Vicki Magley

Next Meeting: Thursday 4/12/12 at 7 pm, Conference Rm B

- I. Introductions
- II. Roger's Presentation
 - a. Roger Engle is a senior at UCONN studying with Kristin Schwab
 - b. Roger & Kristin presented various design alternatives to incorporate 3 new features – playground, splash pad, & picnic area
 - c. Pathways/greenways to be incorporated to enhance experience & provide a strong link between features
 - d. Some design alternatives include using UCONN property while some use only existing property only
- III. Committee Updates
 - a. Public Relations – Jessica
 - i. Getting information together to get word out about Design Day
 - ii. Julia has a friend who may assist with PR
 - b. Children's Committee - Esther
 - i. Making plans to visit schools in September to get momentum going
 - ii. Kelly has prepared an email to send to schools, centers, home daycares, & homeschooling families
 - iii. A letter will go home to students to get to elicit submissions for logos & ideal playground
 - iv. March 31 from 12-2 will be the first Children's Committee Meeting at MCC. Kids will vote on logo & begin making posters.
 - v. April 28 from 1-2 will be second Children's Committee. Children will make posters. Ken Johnson may come to do songs with kids to be performed on Design Day.
 - c. Fundraising – Julia
 - i. "Financial Overview" handout shared & reviewed
 - ii. Jeanne has offered to speak with EOSmith re: routing items such as pickets that will be sold to raise funds
 - iii. Suggested events to have a presence at:
 - 1. Tour de Mansfield
 - 2. Winter Fun Day
 - iv. Karen, connected with the Benton Museum, will help by looking into grant opportunities

- v. Suggestions of how to recognize donors:
 - 1. Donor board
 - 2. Donor tree
 - 3. pavers
 - vi. Possible 5K – Chrissy Johnson may help with this
 - d. Design & Special Features
 - i. Suggestions from Marc to incorporate “95210”
 - ii. Other suggestions for themes include incorporating literacy, possibly commissioning local artist to write locally focused story for publication
 - iii. “What kind of adventure are you going to have?”
- IV. Design Day
 - a. Review of Draft previously sent
 - b. Building request has been submitted
 - c. Thursday May 3 – potluck dinner (Susanna will help organize).
Attendance at this meeting will be “required” of committee members
 - d. Friday May 4 – All are welcome to site meeting, but not expected
 - e. 4:00 we will set up for the evening events
 - f. Sara is requesting that Megan, Cristina, Jeanne, & Paul help with setting up children’s activities (Jeanne may do face painting)
 - g. Some discussion of food for this event – finger foods were suggested.
Sara will confirm with Kathleen if/what funds are available for food

Respectfully submitted & prepared by Ellen Tulman